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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL POPULATION
CONFERENCE, MANILA, OCTOBER 24-28, 1978

1. WORLD POPULATION SOCIETY ORGANIZING FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
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POPULATION CONFERENCE OCTOBER 24-28 IN MANILA WITH CO-
SPONSOR PHILIPPINE POPULATION CENTER FOUNDATION. CONFERENCE
SUBJECT IS "EXPANDING VILLAGE AND URBAN COMMUNITY PARTICI-
PATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAMS," WIDELY REGARDED AS NEXT MAJOR STEP FOR INVOLVING
MASSES OF POPULATIONS, ESPECIALLY RURAL AND URBAN POOR, IN
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. FORMAT IS THREE-DAY, ROUND-

TABLE WITH APPROXIMATELY 90 INVITED TOP-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS FROM 26 LDC'S PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR OWN PROGRAMS, PROBLEMS, AND SUCCESSES, AND DEVELOP NEW INITIATIVES (SEE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE PARA. 4). OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNFPA, INVOLVED UN AGENCIES, U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES. EMPHASIS ON ASIAN COUNTRIES, BUT PARTICIPANTS FROM SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH POPULATION POLICIES AND ACTIVE PROGRAMS ALSO INVITED. AID ALSO PLANNING MEETING OF AID POPULATION, HEALTH, AND NUTRITION OFFICERS IN ASIAN REGION FOLLOWING THE WPS CONFERENCE, WHICH THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND.

2. AID PROVIDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM LDC'S WITH USAID PROGRAMS. UNFPA HAS MADE GRANT TO WORLD POPULATION SOCIETY FOR SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER LDC'S. DEPARTMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE.

3. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ALSO DESIRE TO INVITE ONE OR TWO KEY FIGURES FROM POPULATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF DONOR COUNTRIES. SHOULD BE OFFICIALS MOST INTERESTED IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES, TITLES, AND EXPLANATIONS OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. WPS WILL EXTEND INVITATIONS. WPS DESIRES TO COMPLETE PROCESS IN JULY.

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4. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE:

A. ORGANIZATION AND ACTION TO OBTAIN EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF VILLAGES AND URBAN COMMUNITIES.

B. RELATING POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING TO OTHER SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE/URBAN COMMUNITY AND INVOLVING THE WORKERS IN THOSE SERVICES.

C. ROLE OF WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN VILLAGE/URBAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

D. REACHING AND INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE (UNDER 20 YEARS) IN VILLAGE/URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING ACTION.

E. VILLAGE AND URBAN COMMUNITY LEVEL DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION, TECHNIQUES, AND SUPPLIES.

F. INCENTIVE AND DISINCENTIVE SCHEMES FOR VILLAGES AND URBAN COMMUNITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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